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## **CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

Claims 1-20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (new): A method for managing a card game by a poker dealing device through a central management unit, comprising the steps of:

- (a) reading a card value of each playing card once said playing card is dispensed from said poker dealing device, wherein said card value is read by a card reader provided at a dispensing slot of said poker dealing device at a time when said playing card is dispensed out of said poker dealing device, so as to keep said card values of said playing cards in said poker dealing device in a secret manner until said playing cards are dispensed out of said poker dealing device through said dispensing slot;
- (b) transmitting said card values of said playing cards respectively dispensed from said poker dealing device as card signals to said central management unit; and
- (c) recording said card signals to form a game record corresponding to said card game in such a manner that said card game is capable of being tracked by said card values of each hand of said card game, so as to reduce a risk of cheating in response to said playing cards dispensed from said poker dealing device.

Claim 22 (new): The method, as recited in claim 21, said step (a) further comprising a step of providing a card indicator at said face side of each of said playing cards to represent said card value thereof, wherein said card indicator is positioned aligning with said card reader such that said card reader reads said card indicator when said respective playing card is dispensed out of said poker dealing device through said dispensing slot.

Claim 23 (new): The method, as recited in claim 22, wherein said card reader is an optical scanning device reading a barcode of said card indicator on each of said playing cards when said playing cards are respectively dispensed through said dispensing slot of said poker dealing device.

Claim 24 (new): The method, as recited in claim 22, wherein said card reader is a magnetic-sensor reading a magnetic-sensitive layer of said card indicator on each

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of said playing cards when said playing cards are respectively dispensed through said dispensing slot of said poker dealing device.

Claim 25 (new): The method, as recited in claim 21, wherein said card signal is encoded into a digital form before said card signal is transmitted to said central management unit.

Claim 26 (new): The method, as recited in claim 22, wherein said card signal is encoded into a digital form before said card signal is transmitted to said central management unit.

Claim 27 (new): The method, as recited in claim 25, wherein said card signal is wirelessly transmitted from said poker dealing device to said central management unit.

Claim 28 (new): The method, as recited in claim 26, wherein said card signal is wirelessly transmitted from said poker dealing device to said central management unit.

Claim 29 (new): The method, as recited in claim 21, after step (c), further comprising a step of displaying said game record after said card game is over, wherein said game record is a record of said card game regarding a status of winning and losing and odds of said card game.

Claim 30 (new): The method, as recited in claim 26, after step (c), further comprising a step of displaying said game record after said card game is over, wherein said game record is a record of said card game regarding a status of winning and losing and odds of said card game.

Claim 31 (new): The method, as recited in claim 28, after step (c), further comprising a step of displaying said game record after said card game is over, wherein said game record is a record of said card game regarding a status of winning and losing and odds of said card game.

Claim 32 (new): The method, as recited in claim 22, further comprising the steps of:

- (a') detecting a bet wagered within a betting area of a poker table to generate a bet signal representing a value of said bet;
  - (b') transmitting said bet signal to said central management unit; and

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(c') recording said bet signal to generate said record in said central management unit such that said card game is capable of being tracked by said bet signals of each hand of said card game for determining a winning and losing result of each hand of said card game with respect to said card values of each said hand of said card game, wherein said card signal and said bet signal are encoded into a digital form before said card signal and said bet signal are transmitted to said central management unit.

Claim 33 (new): The method, as recited in claim 32, wherein said card signal and said bet signal are wirelessly transmitted to said central management unit.

Claim 34 (new): The method, as recited in claim 32, wherein said bet is detected by a weight of chips placed within said betting area to generate said bet signal representing said value of said chips.

Claim 35 (new): The method, as recited in claim 33, wherein said bet is detected by a weight of chips placed within said betting area to generate said bet signal representing said value of said chips.